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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: UNDERSTANDING OF THREE PRIESTS MISSING IN ARGENTINA

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1. DEAR SENATOR RIBICOFF:
THE LETTER YOU RECEIVED FROM THE DEPT. OF STATE DATED APR 23 REGARDING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THREE PRIESTS MISSING IN ARGENTINA INCORRECTLY STATES THAT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT REV. MAURICIO LIKEBER SILVA (MISUNDERSTANDING. THE MISUNDERSTANDING WAS PROBABLY DUE TO A VARIATION IN THE PRESENTATION OF REV. SILVA'S NAME.

2. AS WE WROTE YOU IN SEP 1978, THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAD NO RECORD OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF REV. SILVA. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON MAY 8, 1979, WE SUBMITTED ANOTHER INQUIRY FOR INFORMATION OF REV. SILVA. WE WILL ADVISE YOU IF WE RECEIVE ANY NEW INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.

3. SINCERELY YOURS, MAXWELL CHAPLIN, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.
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